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SUBJECT: LIBYAN-EGYPTIAN CONFLICT: LIBYAN DIPLOMATIC NOTES

1. LIBYAN EMBASSY DELIVERED FOLLOWING DIPLOMATIC NOTES  
DURING DAY OF JULY 24 CONCERNING THE CLASH WITH EGYPT:

A. 6/8/1238: THE EMBASSY OF THE SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S LIBYAN  
ARAB JAMAHIRIYA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT  
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OF STATE AND HAS THE HONOR TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL  
STATEMENT AS RECEIVED FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS, TRIPOLI:

"AL JAMAHIRIYA HAS WARNED REPEATEDLY AGAINST THE DANGER OF  
THE EGYPTIAN MILITARY BUILD-UPS ON THE LIBYAN BORDERS.  
SUCH BUILD-UPS BEING THE MEANS TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN OF

THE EGYPTIAN REGIME AGAINST AL JAMAHIRIYA AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTION FROM THE COLONIAL POWERS.

THE EGYPTIAN MILITARY FORCES HAVE RECENTLY CARRIED OUT AGGRESSION AGAINST THE POLICE STATIONS. EARLY THIS MORNING, THE EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES HAVE LAUNCHED AN ARMED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE BORDER VILLAGES OF AL JAMAHIRIYA USING PLANES, TANKS AND HEAVY ARTILLARY AND OCCUPIED THE BORDER VILLAGE OF MUSAED. THE EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

CONFIRMS THAT THESE ACTIONS REPRESENT DANGER AND DIRECT AGGRESSION AGAINST AL JAMAHIRIYA AND ITS NATIONAL SOILS. THIS IS CONSIDERED A DIRECT THREAT FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AREA."

B. 10/13/1241: THE EMBASSY OF THE SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAS THE HONOR TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL STATEMENT AS RECEIVED TODAY FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TRIPOLI:

"FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE DAY, THE JAMAHIRIYA IS BEING SUBJECTED TO AN UNJUSTIFIABLE AGGRESSION. THE EGYPTIAN STRATEGIC AIR FORCE HAS BEEN SHELLING CIVILIAN TARGETS IN THE LIBYAN OASES AND CITIES, WHILE WE ARE WITHIN OUR TERRITORIES AND DO NOTHING BUT DEFEND OURSELVES WITHIN OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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FRONTIERS."

C. 6/8/1242: THE EMBASSY OF THE SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND HAS THE HONOR TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL STATEMENT AS RECEIVED TODAY FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TRIPOLI:

"FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE DAY, THE TERRITORY OF THE SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO AN UNJUSTIFIABLE AGGRESSION BY THE EGYPTIAN STRATEGIC AIR FORCE WHICH IS STRIKING AT CIVILIAN TARGETS SUCH AS SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, WATER PUMPING STATIONS, POWER STATIONS AND POPULATED QUARTERS."

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RESPOND TO THESE NOTES, OR, AT THIS TIME, TO VOLUNTEER ANY REPLY TO MORE DIRECT LIBYAN CHARGES OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT WHICH HAVE BEEN REPORTED DURING PAST WEEK. SHOULD THERE BE ANY PRESS INQUIRIES REGARDING THESE ACCUSATIONS, DEPARTMENT WILL REJECT THEM AS BASELESS. VANCE

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